

Turkey Run State Park Nature Center Programs

Deer Reduction

Monday & Tuesday, Nov. 30 & Dec. 1

PARKS & Nature Center CLOSED

Deer Reduction – In order to prevent the deer herd at Turkey Run and Shades State Parks from getting too large, eating too many plants and upsetting ecological balance, it has become necessary to remove some of the deer. Human hunters replace wolves and cougars, nature’s hunters of deer now absent from Indiana. For your safety, the 2 parks will be closed throughout this deer reduction.

The parks re-open at 8am on Wednesday, December 2.

Wednesday, December 2

Nature Center CLOSED

Thursday-Friday, December 3-4

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST

10am Help Feed The Birds – Come to the nature center to help put out seeds and suet, and then watch as wild birds and squirrels eat and interact with each other.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – Let a naturalist show you around the night sky. Discover tricks for locating constellations, hear some star stories, and find out which meteor shower is coming your way! 40 minutes. Nature Center.

Saturday, December 5

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:30am-3:30pm Photo Scavenger Hunt – Look for and photograph some of nature’s gifts this holiday season using digital cameras, cell phones or tablets. Come to the nature center for instructions, and to show us your photos for PRIZES!

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

Sunday, December 6

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:45am Holiday How-To – Create a magnificent centerpiece for your holiday dinner table, sure to wow and impress your guests. 30 minutes. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

Monday & Thursday-Friday, December 7 & 10-11

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

Tuesday & Wednesday, December 8-9

Nature Center CLOSED

Saturday, December 12

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:30am Winter Tree ID Hike – Join us on the Nature Center front porch for a 1½-hour moderately-rugged hike to discover some of the trees that call the park home, and discover how easy it is to identify them without their leaves.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

Sunday, December 13

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:45am Reptile Rendezvous – Come meet our captive reptiles, touch a live snake, and then watch as we offer food. Warning: live mice and worms may be consumed. 40 minutes (or until everyone’s full). Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

Monday & Thursday-Friday, Dec. 14 & 17-18

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

Tuesday & Wednesday, December 15-16

Nature Center CLOSED

Saturday, December 19

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:30am Uncovering The Past – Turkey Run has changed tremendously over the years. The park we enjoy today tops the remains of ancient swamp forests and coral reefs. Join us for a 45-min. moderate hike to discover fossil remains of this ancient landscape, & take a fossil souvenir home. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

Sunday, December 20

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:30am Insects Under Snow – Join us at the nature center for a 30-minute talk to discover how insects and spiders manage to make it through the harsh Indiana winters.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

Monday & Thursday, December 21 & 24

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

Tuesday & Wednesday, December 22-23

Nature Center CLOSED

Friday, December 25

Nature Center CLOSED

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Saturday, December 26

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:45am Feast Or Famine Birding – A summer forest is alive with birdsong, but the winter woods is quiet one minute and filled with birds the next. Gather at the nature center for a 1-hour moderate hike to find out why winter birding can be “feast or famine.”

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

Children younger than 14 must be with an adult while in the nature center or at programs.

Hoosier Quest Program

Earn pins & patches!

Get started at the Nature Center



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Sunday, December 27

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST

10am Help Feed The Birds – Come to the nature center to help put out seed and suet, and then watch as wild birds and squirrels eat and interact.

10:30am Weave a Winter Scarf – Get cozy this winter in a richly textured scarf of your own making. For only \$5 per person, Kayla will provide instruction and all materials, plus a good start on a warm winter scarf. Many yarn colors available. Join us in the nature center for this 1½-hour workshop. Appropriate for adults and older children.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – Let a naturalist show you around the night sky. Discover tricks for locating constellations, hear some star stories, and find out which meteor shower is coming your way! 40 minutes. Nature Center.

Monday & Thursday, December 28 & 31

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:30-11:30am Having Fun With Nature – Stop by the nature center to make or experience something cool!

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

Tuesday & Wednesday, December 29-30

Nature Center CLOSED

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NEW YEAR

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Friday, January 1

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m.-5 p.m. EST



10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

11am Turkey Run First Day Hike! – Meet at the nature center for a rugged 1-hour New Year’s Day walk to look for ice formations, eagles, and whatever else the winter’s day brings.

1:30pm Shades First Day Hike! – Start the year off with an exhilarating 2-hour moderate winter walk in beautiful Shades State Park. Meet near the DNR vehicle in the Hickory Shelter parking lot to look for tracks, eagles, winter birds, and more! Bring binoculars. Snacks and water provided.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

Saturday, January 2

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:30am Warm Winter Coats – Come discover the furbearers of Turkey Run. Discover their unique adaptations & feel the differences in their coats. 30 minutes. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

Sunday, January 3

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10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:45am Reptile Rendezvous – Come meet our captive reptiles, touch a live snake, and then watch as we offer food. Warning: live mice and worms may be consumed. 40 minutes (or until everyone’s full). Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

Monday & Thursday-Friday, January 4 & 7-8

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10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

Tuesday & Wednesday, January 5-6

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Park Office: 765-597-2635

Chris Newcomb, Property Manager

Steve Stockton, Ass’t. Property Manager

Nature Center: 765-597-2654

Barbara Tibbets, Interpretive Naturalist

Kayla Leach, Interpretive Naturalist

Andrew Hoffman, Interpretive Naturalist

Turkey Run Inn 765-597-2211 or 877-500-6151

Rob Parker, General Manager

Tim Thurman, Ass’t. General Manager

Kristina Hale, Sales Director

For additional interpretive programs:

stateparks.IN.gov/2420.htm

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“Turkey Run and Shades State Parks”

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